

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, breastfeeding forms the most basic bond between mother and baby and is a foundation for lifelong health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes healthier mothers, stronger family bonds, and is economical, providing benefits at little or no cost; and
- WHEREAS, women with young children constitute at least 60 percent of Indiana's workforce, and breastfeeding is beneficial to employers and society through reduced health care and group insurance costs; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana benefits from savings of \$450-\$800 per baby breast fed for six months in welfare and health costs; and
- WHEREAS, local breastfeeding coalitions across Indiana seek to support mothers, medical professionals and employers in encouraging breastfeeding; and
- WHEREAS, mothers and infants benefit from the support of families, friends, employers, health professionals and communities in order to initiate and sustain breastfeeding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim,
August 1-7, 2006, as

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 17th day of July, 2006.

M E Daniels, Jr.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana

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